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SHIPPING

ARRIVALS.
July 31, OREANDA, British steamer, 1,760 Tons, from Glasgow, 25th July, General.
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INTIMATIONS

THE NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
Incorporated with Limited Liability under the Companies Act, 1862. Capital £1,000,000.
ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS.
Subscribed Capital—£1,000,000 Sterling.
PAID-UP CAPITAL—£250,000 Sterling.
HEAD OFFICE OF THE COMPANY, SHANGHAI.
DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY:
F. H. BELL, Esq. (Messrs. Messers. Bell & Co.)
DAVID BRANT, Esq. (Messrs. Messers. Brant & Co.)
H. H. BELL, Esq. (Messrs. Messers. Bell & Co.)
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THE DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
Capital £1,000,000.
Divided into 20,000 fully paid up Shares of £50 each, of which £10 shall be paid on application and £40 on allotment.
GENERAL MANAGERS:
Messrs. DOUGLAS LAIR & CO., HONGKONG.
COMMISSE:
JOHN S. LAIR, Esq. (Chairman) (Messrs. Messers. Lair & Co.)
HON. PRINCE DE WATTEVILLE, Esq. (Messrs. Messers. De Watteville & Co.)
FREDERICK D. SASSON, Esq. (Messrs. Messers. Sasson & Co.)
B. LAIR, Esq. (Messrs. Messers. Lair & Co.)
W. S. YOUNG, Esq. (Messrs. Messers. Young & Co.)
BANKERS:
THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
SOLICITORS AND PUBLIC NOTARIES:
Messrs. BERNARD, WATSON & DRAGON, 35, Queen's Road, Victoria, Hongkong.
PROSPECTUS.
The Company has been formed for the purpose of acquiring and taking over the present Proprietors of the line of Steamers, the Wharf at Hongkong, and other property, necessary for the said business, which has been hitherto successfully managed by Messrs. DOUGLAS LAIR & CO. and which was established by the late Mr. DOUGLAS LAIR in the year 1860.
The present Proprietors who are principally Merchants resident in England and China, and who are desirous of retaining a considerable interest in the Company when formed, deem it advisable, with the object of further increasing the present remunerative business, to form a Limited Liability Company under the provisions of the Companies Ordinance in Hongkong, and to transfer to it the property and business of the late Mr. DOUGLAS LAIR & CO. and to have the said Company established by the late Mr. DOUGLAS LAIR in the year 1860.
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AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Underwritten has received instructions from the Mortgagees, to Sell by Public Auction, on MONDAY, the 13th August, 1883, at 10 P.M., on the Premises, THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY, Situate at Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, and known as "GILMAN BAZAAR," Being a MILNERS LOT No. 55, and the additions and extensions thereto having erected thereon on 60 HOUSES, known as Nos. 131, 133, 135, 137, and 139, in Queen's Road, No. 1, to 28 both inclusive in Gilman Bazaar, Nos. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, and 40, in Gilman Bazaar, and Nos. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95, 97, 99, 101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 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Whatever progress may have been made in improving the social condition of our Chinese community, or instilling into them the ways of Western civilisation, it is very evident they still in the main hold tenaciously to the customs, manners, and vices of their country. Unfortunately among these are some of a very objectionable character, of which the deep rooted love of gambling and the system of slavery have, perhaps, attracted the most attention. During the past few

In returns of trade for last year published by the Imperial Maritime Customs a considerable diminution in the value of exports is shown. That the native drug is compelling more and more keenly with the Indian product is undoubtedly, but it would seem that the falling off in the import of the latter may, to some extent, be more apparent than real. Mr. G. M. PARKMAN, Acting Consul at Pakhoi, in a letter to the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at Hongkong, says: "In my report on the trade of this district 1897-1898, I directed attention to the fact that the data at my disposal, whereby to estimate the progress or otherwise of Pakhoi as a commercial centre, were wholly insufficient, the only available statistics being the returns issued by the Imperial Maritime Customs, whereas the bulk of the proportion of imports and exports of which Pakhoi is the centre, are kept, arrive and depart by junk and launch. I pointed out that this diversion of cargo from steamers, and thereby of revenue from the Imperial Customs, was the work of the provincial Customs authorities, who, by lowering their tariff, and so to speak underselling the other establishment, turned into a losing business. I pointed out that the result was a loss goes to swell the Imperial revenue. There is to reason to suppose that this system does anything to check the flow of foreign imports, on the contrary, with a lower

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of land, owing partly to the large sales of African slaves which have been effected during the last year, and partly to the fact that the country has been realized for the Quaker Farm. The Slaughter House lease has nearly realized about \$3,000 higher than in 1893.

In Licenses, the only important alteration made is that the tax on the beer has been estimated at \$30,000 more than the sum at which the Farm was last disposed of. The collections of the four months ending 30th June last has been at a rate of \$100,000, and if the estimation had been made on that basis a much larger increase might have been entered on the estimates. It has been thought safer, however, to insert a more moderate sum for next year.

Under the heading of Taxes an increase of \$30,000 for Stamps and of \$3,000 for Postage have been provided—based upon the collections during the first half of the present year. The Police, Water, and Lighting Rates remain the same as before.

There is an increase of \$3,000 for Fees of Court. Fees of Offices are estimated at nearly the same amount as for 1893, although the collections have been somewhat less.

In the details of these fees some minor alterations will be found.

An increase of \$10,000 has been set down, under the head of Interest of Money Invested, in consequence of the fact that the interest on the loan to the General Revenue, There is a forecast of \$5,000 for Storage of Gunpowder, the receipts on this account having fallen off of late after the unusually high collections of 1893. There are no other alterations.

ending out married recruits has been duly represented, and it is anticipated that no more will arrive.

The excess of last year has been provided for by passage of the Polls, as some time-spirited men will have to be sent back to England and India.

In pensions there is a reduction, of \$6,000, on a provision having recently passed by the House.

No change has been made in Charitable Allowances and Transport.

For Roads, Bridges, Streets and Markets, the sum so fully detailed in the annexed Schedules F and G, though special remarks seem to be necessary. The former item, which includes the Sanitary, exceeds the Estimate of the year 1890 by \$100,000, and the latter is \$180,000 in excess of the Estimate.

A separate Estimate H, will, however, be found to exceed, showing the extraordinary funds towards which it is proposed to undertake during 1894, in the view of carrying out the Sanitary and the Sewerage, in Chaddwin, and also the various miscellaneous expenditure.

As to the water works, The former amount to a sum of \$172,000, which it is proposed to defray by means of a loan, as will be found more fully detailed in the Schedule I, and the water works, in accordance with the directions of the Secretary of State, to be charged against the Special Fund, now merged in the General Funds of the Colony, the amount required will also have to be noted, and as last year, to be paid out of the Special Fund.

A sum of \$16,376 has been transferred from the

The Finance Committee have approved the suggestion, that the money required for these extensions be raised by the sale of the bonds of the Canton and Hongkong Telegraph Company, and the balance to be subsequently returned when the loan has been effected. The reserved balances would then remain available for defraying ordinary expenditure of the Public Works, as well as that of the Canton and Hongkong Telegraph Company. The Secretary of State's instructions, was to pay for out of the Special Fund no isolated costs, these balances.

There is another large Public Work under consideration, the execution of which has also been recommended by the Finance Committee, viz., the continuation of the Praya Wall and roadway in front of the properties of the Naval and Military Authorities. The cost of this Wall and Water Works, if sanctioned by the Secretary of State also have to be met by means of a loan, which, in each case, would have to be raised for a million and a quarter dollars, much more than one year's revenues of the colony.

W. H. MARSH,
Colonial Secretary and Auditor General.

MR HONG-KONG CANTON WA HOP TELEGRAPH

The Hon. F. B. JOHNSON made the following statement:—That His Excellency the Governor had asked to lay on the table copies of correspondence between the Chamber of Commerce and the Secretary of State, in relation to the Canton-Hongkong Canton Wa-Hop Telegraph Company to lay a cable across the harbour. The Hon. gentleman said—Sir, the motion of

and will allow you to read, write and do a hundred other things at the same time; at least I can, being a singularly happy man, but the opinion of most people is a complete puzzle to me to find out what pleasure he derives from the habit, all I can see it is a waste of time and money.

THE FLOODS ON THE YELLOW RIVER.

CHANG-NAH YU, Ciel July.

When I promised you an account of the Yellow River flood, I did not know I should be able to make my word good so soon as this. The probabilities of a flood were based upon our hope of the summer rains, and the leafless efforts of the officials working upon the River. The officials had no doubt planned well and worked hard, and more work has really been done than I thought; but the summer rains have not come, and the River has been exceedingly low. Notwithstanding all this I have now to report a flood, with a break or breaks in the River banks that have already proved serious and the danger is not over. On the 28th and 29th of June this River, which was very low a few days before, was reported full and overflowing. I did not believe it, but I soon had painful evidence of the fact. Near Lo'-lo'n, five English miles from this city, occurred the first serious break that I heard of, but I soon heard of several both above and below. The country was rapidly flooded. The break here was on the south side; now I hear of the country north of the river being flooded, though it is difficult to get exact information yet. One morning, four days after the break. I went out to see for myself. I tried to go to the river or at least to Lo'-lo'n, but could not. Boats—were hired at high prices to remove valuables from the houses that were threatened. Multitudes loaded up to a low bill—many by, and no tent, many perished in the ruins. The men and horses died away as usual. The boats were soaked with the water. Where the current of flooded water was strong, the boats would fall as if it stood—the roof supported by the rafters, etc., would sink under the water. At others, they galloped a high eminence and had a beautiful view and sight. As far as I could see, east and west there was water and trees, the clumps of small willows—and other trees in full leaf contrasting most beautifully with the wide or rather low stretch of water. Nor was the land level anywhere. It was everywhere a succession of hills covered with black-looking reeds and a few cotton trees, with the ever present Temple on the top

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I contend that the Government should have made the occasion of a riot, and precautions taken accordingly. This rumour was confirmed on Saturday morning M. Binos, Superintendent of the Police, was informed that a riot was taking place in the city. He immediately sent a detachment of the police to the city, and they arrived at the city at about 10 o'clock. They found that the riot was taking place in the city, and they immediately dispersed the rioters. The riot was dispersed without any bloodshed, and the city was restored to order. The Government should have taken precautions against such a riot, and they should have sent a detachment of the police to the city at once. This would have prevented the riot from taking place, and the city would have been safe.

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